

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT**

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Subject: Texas Township Drum Site
 Texas Towhship, MI

POLREP No.: 2	Site #: B5PY
Reporting Period: 09/09/2008 to 09/16/2008	D.O. #: 014
Start Date: 8/26/2008	Response Authority: CERCLA
Mob Date: 9/8/2008	Response Type: Emergency
Completion Date:	NPL Status: Non NPL
CERCLIS ID #:	Incident Category: Removal Action
RCRIS ID #:	Contract # EP-S5-08-02

Site Description

On about August 20, 2008 a fire broke out in an out building (pole-barn) at 10135 West Avenue O in Kalamazoo, Texas township, Michigan. The property owner declined assistance by the Fire Department and worked to attempt to extinguish the fire by himself. County, local and state authorities obtained a warrant against the property owner and on August 26, 2008 conducted an assessment of site conditions and performed air monitoring activities along the perimeter of the Site and around the out building. Upon inspection of the site, an estimated 400 55-gallon drums containing various hazardous materials and biological wastes were present in three (3) locations on the property, including the pole barn, staged along a trail on the property, and placed in a recently excavated pit. On August 27, 2008 EPA CID and MDEQ OCI investigators started an investigation with the help of MDEQ contractors Weston Solutions (WESTON), and Young Environmental (Young) to assist with examination and sampling of containers. On August 31, 2008 CID turned the site over to EPA Superfund division, Emergency Response Branch for an emergency removal action. Site security was immediately established. The drums are charred and the contents of some contain incompatible materials which may react when drums are moved. The Site is a threat to the nearby human population and animals due to the dangerous nature of materials found in drums, the unstable conditions of drums, and security of the property. The adjacent area is used as rural residential property.

Current Activities

Consent to access was obtained on September 8, 2008 from the attorney representing the property owner and mobilization started on September 9, 2008.

All three areas containing drums of hazardous materials have been secured. Support zone,

exclusion zone and decontamination zone have been set up. Staging area for staging drums have been prepared

Hazardous waste debris from fire damaged drums and concrete floor has been containerized.

Stacked drums from the burnt pole-barn are being staged for opening and evaluation for proper lab packing.

Planned Removal Actions

Continue to stage all drums. Get a lab pack sub contractor to identify , characterize and package waste for disposal.

Next Steps

Staging all drums, inventory of all materials, sampling of materials, proper lab packing all materials and disposing all materials.

Key Issues

None

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$50,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$13,000.00	26.00%
RST/START	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	80.00%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$75,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$33,000.00	44.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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